

THE PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser.

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The facility with which the people and the press of the United States pass from the deepest dependency to the highest point of confidence, has again been exemplified in the recent course which their armies have met with. The press of the United States now confidently assert the certain overthrow and utter annihilation of the rebellion within the next six months. The fall of Vicksburg, the retreat of Lee, the advance on Charleston, are the events upon which these extravagant anticipations are so confidently based. There are all serious disasters—the most serious that have attended our arms since the beginning of the war. But do they involve any irretrievable calamity? The fall of Vicksburg opens the Mississippi to the army of Grant down to Port Hudson. It has been open to his gunboats to that point for many months. It has been open from Port Hudson to its mouth for more than a year. It has been closed to us through its length since the fall of New Orleans. To commerce it is doubly closed—closed by the proximity of our armies to its banks, and closed by the utter want of every article of commerce. It will remain closed to commerce during the war, notwithstanding Port Hudson should be lost. No cotton has been grown on its banks since the war began, and what remains on hand has been, or soon will be destroyed. Of what avail, then, will be the opening of the Mississippi in a commercial point of view?

In its military aspect it presents no great encouragement. To reap the fruits of its success at Vicksburg, Gen. Grant must now encounter all those serious difficulties that have overcome McClellan, Pope, Burnside and Hooker, and which have this time paralyzed Gen. Rosecrans. Gen. Grant must now advance. He must either hug the banks of the river, and lose all the practical fruits of his victory, or he must march his army into the country in search of his enemy. He cannot do the latter, for he has the river and enters the canals, bayous and lagoons of Mississippi or Louisiana, he will encounter difficulties before he will succeed.

The retreat of Bragg lengthens Rosecrans's already long line, and leads him through a wasted and an unproductive country to an impracticable position on the Tennessee river. This new acquisition of territory increases increased dangers to Rosecrans's lines of communication, threatened as they are at every moment by Confederate forays from the east. Serious as the loss of Vicksburg has been to the Confederate cause, it by no means involves a disaster that in the least compromises our ultimate success. We have not underrated the magnitude of this disaster, but we have presented it to our readers in all its full force and significance. We hope that much good may ultimately result from the present aspect of affairs. Our people have so long enjoyed continued success, they have been so long accustomed to the shouts of victory, so used to the practical fruits of war, in primary, arms, artillery, clothing, wagons and horses, as trophies of Confederate valor and prowess, that all possibility of reverse had departed, and they looked on the contest as one of assured success, which required no further effort at their hands. If the disaster that we now cast their shadows over the country shall have the effect of calling back the people from the pursuit of wealth to the cause of their country, they will be the means of grasping final and complete victory from the jaws of defeat.

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